

"IZZY THE PAINTER," FIREBUG, CONVICTED

"Syndicate." Referred to by Judge Swann, May Be Exposed as Result of Trial.

ALIBIS AS A SIDE LINE

They G with Fires, Officials Believe, at Total of 60 Per Cent on the Amount of Insurance Collected.

The "firebug syndicate" referred to several months ago by Judge Swann in General Sessions at the close of an arson case tried before him, when he said he believed there was a gang or syndicate in this city whose members quoted prices ranging from \$25 to \$300 for setting fire to buildings of various descriptions, may be exposed by "Izzy" Stein, now in the Tombs, convicted of arson in the second degree.

Stein, whose real name is said to be Steinkreuter, and who is known throughout Harlem and the East Side as "Izzy the Painter," was found guilty early yesterday morning by a jury in Judge Mulqueen's part of General Sessions, after they had been considering the case all night.

"Izzy" was found guilty of setting fire to the flat of Samuel Gold, at No. 63 East 118th street, on June 20 last. Gold is also under indictment, although he was working in a tailor shop in Brooklyn at the time. An alibi for those who wished their places burned is said to have been included in the contract "Izzy," or members of his gang, made with them.

"Izzy" is twenty-six years old. He has been in this country ten years, being a Russian Jew by birth. According to the information in the hands of Royal H. Weller, the Assistant District Attorney who prosecuted "Izzy," and Deputy Chief William Guerin, of the Fire Department, who arrested him, "Izzy" has not done a stroke of work at his trade for at least five years.

Painter Could Buy Inflammables. Both Mr. Weller and Chief Guerin believe he described himself as a painter only that he might purchase benzine and other inflammable liquids without arousing suspicion.

Mr. Weller and Chief Guerin ascribe about three hundred incendiary fires which occurred in Harlem and the Bronx within the last two and one-half years to the activity of "Izzy" and his gang. It is said the saloon on upper Second avenue where "Izzy" and his friends meet is well known throughout the city as a place to which to go if men are to be hired to set one's house or shop afire. That business was generally brisk they deduced from the fact that "Izzy" and his companions never seemed to be short of money, although none of them was ever seen to do any work.

Although Mr. Weller was not able to bring it out at the trial, he is informed that the profits in the business are enormous, although the cash payment demanded before the job is undertaken may be as low as \$2. It is said that when a "customer" appears the first question asked is as to the amount of his insurance.

Unless his goods are heavily overinsured he is directed to reimburse them. Then it is stipulated that 10 per cent of the amount recovered from the insurance company is to be the share of the incendiary. Fifty per cent more is said to be handed over by "Izzy" to certain public fire adjusters who are in "Izzy's" pay and who manage the financial part of the transaction for him.

Man Who Buys Fire Gets 40 per Cent. The remaining 60 per cent goes to the man who has "bought" the fire. In order to insure themselves against broken faith on the part of their "customer," his fire insurance policy is looked up in the safe at the saloon as soon as the bargain is sealed, and remains in the hands of the gang until the claim is paid.

On June 20 Chief Guerin, who had been watching "Izzy" for months, followed him to No. 63 East 118th street. Soon Mrs. Gold came out, carrying her baby, and in a few moments "Izzy" unlocked the door of the flat and entered. Within ten minutes after he emerged, and while he was still in the hands of patrolmen the cry of fire was raised in the house. It was found that a clothes press was blazing merrily, and there was a strong smell of benzine.

The alibi presented by Gold and his wife was found to be exactly similar to that presented in other arson cases which had come up in General Sessions. At the time the fire broke out Gold was working in the Brooklyn. His wife, as shown by the records of the Sydenham Hospital, was at that institution to have her baby examined.

Dr. A. Noah Schiller, who examined the child, said there was nothing the matter with it, and on two previous occasions when she brought the baby to the hospital he had told her the same thing.

Mr. Weller, when "Izzy" is arraigned for sentence next Friday, will tell Judge Mulqueen a previous fire in Gold's flat is said to have been set by "Izzy" and his gang.

FIGHT FOR CITY PIERS

Brooklyn League to Urge Waterfront Improvements.

The Brooklyn League has issued a call for a conference of representatives of civic and commercial bodies of the Borough of Brooklyn to be held in the offices of the league, No. 44 Court street, Brooklyn, on next Tuesday afternoon, beginning at 5 o'clock.

The purpose of the conference is the discussion of plans for a mass meeting which it is proposed to hold at the Academy of Music at an early date, to be determined by the conference. The purpose of the mass meeting will be to demand of the Board of Estimate that the Brooklyn waterfront shall be preserved and improved, and especially that the general plan of the Dock Commissioners shall be immediately adopted so that municipal piers along the Brooklyn waterfront on city-owned property may be constructed to accommodate the commerce seeking facilities at this port.

TO SELL RED CROSS SEALS.

The Westchester Chapter of the American Red Cross has formulated plans whereby Red Cross Christmas seals will be sold in every village in Westchester County. One hundred thousand seals which have been ordered are merely a preliminary for plans are being made to sell five hundred thousand. The seals can be used on anything to which they will stick—backs of letters, packages, pay envelopes, statements, menus, etc.

"FIBS," POLICE SAY HE SAID Spissitude Still Chief Feature of Mysterious Arrest of Boy.

At the close of a sixty-minute session in Commissioner Waldo's office at Police Headquarters yesterday forenoon, at which Inspector Sweeney, Captain Bernhard Kellher and several Headquarters men again examined eight-year-old Augustus Wilkerson, the police said the child's story of his arrest and the night spent in the West 125th street station was completely exploded. They said the child varied his confession of the previous evening by the addition of several ingenious contradictions, but the case against the police, championed though it was by Mayor Gaynor, had fallen flat.

Yesterday's announcement from Police Headquarters has by no means, however, satisfied friends of the child's family. They regard the absence of any entry on the police books of the little boy's arrest as entirely devoid of proof, since an arrest of such a flagrant nature would not have been recorded.

The child himself, who is credited with having told half a dozen different versions of his whereabouts during the night he was missing from home, stoutly denied the alleged confessions. He said many stories were suggested to him by the men at Headquarters, but that he kept to his original story.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Farrington, with whom the child lives at No. 10 West 137th street, were much disturbed last night over the methods the police used in their "investigation" of the boy's story. Confronted both by the alleged confession given out by the police and the boy's repudiation of it, they admit the case is purely circumstantial on both sides. They contend, however, that the child should have been permitted to have some friend with him during the conference at Headquarters.

Commissioner Waldo will send his report to Mayor Gaynor some time to-day, but he refused last night to indicate what the nature of the report would be.

WIFE BUSINESS RIVAL

Fifth Avenue Grocer Says She Tried to Take Away Customers.

Ernest H. Glass, who runs a fancy grocery store in the Windsor Arcade, at Fifth avenue and 46th street, filed in the Supreme Court yesterday his answer to the separation suit which Mrs. Fannie Glass has brought against him. Glass's answer is a series of grievances, and he not only denies the allegations made by his wife, but also makes some, telling how sorely his even temper has been tried. He also sets forth a list of alleged acts on the part of Mrs. Glass that makes him out a paragon of patience. Glass complains also that his wife has entered into an agreement with one of his competitors, and that she is now trying to take away his customers.

Some of the items contained in Glass's answer is that Mrs. Glass has quarreled with him ever since their marriage, nine years ago, and boasted that she could get a younger and handsomer husband. Mrs. Glass refused to permit her husband to attend meetings of his Masonic lodge and accused him of undue friendliness with his bookkeeper, Miss Blanche Mathieu, and insisted that he dismiss her from his employ.

Glass said that in September his wife told him she was going to quit him and demanded \$2,000. In her application for alimony Mrs. Glass says her husband has property valued at \$40,000 and has a large income. Glass says his income is \$1,500 a year. He asks that his wife's suit be dismissed.

WILL VENTILATE CARS

B. R. T. to Provide Fresh Air for Some Passengers.

After exhaustive study the Brooklyn Rapid Transit system has determined upon an improved ventilation device for use in the big new centre entrance surface cars, of which one hundred have recently been ordered. These cars, having no end doors or openings, will not be subject to drafts that are experienced in the present type of surface trolley cars, and it therefore became necessary when the Brooklyn Rapid Transit system placed its order to work some improved ventilating device.

The basic principle upon which the system is constructed is that the bad air shall be driven out of the car through an air duct running the whole length of the roof, while pure air will be taken in over electric heaters distributed throughout the car body.

Two devices are necessary to insure the proper working of this system. The first is an electric fan, driven by a motor, the operation of which regulates the exhaust of the used up air. The other is a thermostat, controlling automatically the electric heaters over which the fresh air is taken into the car. In this way the temperature of the car is under constant control, it being possible to regulate the thermostat over any degree of heat required.

MARKET EXPERTS SUED

Fish Man, Losing Stand, Asks for \$25,000 Damages.

Mrs. Charles R. Bangs, Mrs. Cora L. Magnee, Frederick C. Howe, director of the People's Institute, and other members of the citizens' committee to reduce the high cost of living are defendants in a suit which Horatio P. Witherston has brought in the Supreme Court.

The committee has charge of the open air market under the Queensboro Bridge. They rented space to Witherston for a fish stand. He was to pay 7 1/2 per cent of his gross profits. He took possession of the stand in September and in October his lease was revoked. He sues for \$25,000 damages.

WAYS OF PRESERVING RECORDS.

The second annual meeting of the Modern Historic Records Association will be held at the National Arts Club, No. 14 Gramercy Park, Friday evening, November 22, at 8 o'clock. The program will consist of demonstrations to reduce the high cost of living are defendants in a suit which Horatio P. Witherston has brought in the Supreme Court.

URGE HIGH LIVING COST PROBE.

The Manufacturers' Association of New York, of which Herman A. Metz is president, is sending out letters to newspapers and commercial organizations all over the country asking their support for the Crawford-Sulzer bill to be presented for passage by the House of Representatives when Congress convenes. The bill has already been passed by the Senate. It provides for the holding of an international convention for the purpose of making an inquiry into causes for the world-wide high cost of living.

INFORMERS TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH WHITMAN

Rose, Schepps, Vallon and Weber To Be Ready at All Times to Return.

REPORTED STILL 'ON MOVE'

Assistant Prosecutor Will Aid Curran Inquiry and Prepare for Possible Indictments.

District Attorney Whitman has obtained from the informers in the Rosenthal-Becker case a stipulation whereby, among other things, they have agreed to keep in touch with him each week, or semi-monthly, until he calls upon them to return to New York and appear as witnesses in possible further trials. That does away with the uncertainty of securing papers making it legal for the men to be taken from one state to another.

Mr. Whitman declared yesterday that he had received a request from Emory R. Buckner, chief counsel for the aldermanic investigating committee, that J. Robert Rubin, Assistant District Attorney, be assigned to assist him in the investigation of the Police Department. Mr. Whitman said that he was only too glad to be able to assist Mr. Buckner in any way possible, and would ask Mr. Rubin to report on Monday morning to the committee's chief counsel. Mr. Buckner intimated to Mr. Whitman that there were a great many facts brought out in the questioning of police witnesses that might interest him in his official capacity.

No Town Wants Informers.

It seems almost certain that the informers—Rose, Schepps, Weber and Vallon—if they are on their way westward, will have to join the flocks of wild ducks or be welcomed by a sheriff and his six-shooter at every city, village or hamlet at which they attempt to get off. In other words, it appears that no community from here to San Francisco wants to have them in its midst. Just through what particular section of the country the "aquealers" may be passing seems not to be known. The underworld is anxiously awaiting news from somewhere, or anywhere, announcing the fact that they have alighted. Every police official from here to the Pacific Coast has freely announced that the informers "cannot come here, for such men are undesirable."

Drummers Had Best Take Care.

There are deputy marshals, with big tin stars, "way down in dozens of small Western towns alongside the railroads that spend most of their time watching for "them New York gunmen." From Dallas, Tex., comes the report that when a ranchman gets a day off these days he leaps on the back of his pony and hoofs it down to the station, where he dismounts and awaits the arrival of "Bald Jack" Rose and his companions. None of them seems to believe that the newspaper photographs of the gunmen, clothed in garments befitting a dandy, can be true. Many travelling salesmen of neat appearance passing through Far Western towns would do well to wear their credentials pinned to their coat fronts, lest they be mistaken for the informer crowd.

It is expected that Mr. Rubin, Assistant District Attorney, while assisting Mr. Buckner, will be kept fairly busy taking down notes and parts of testimony of policemen who will soon be in line for indictment for the grand jury. Frequently a policeman, in attempting to clear himself of a greater crime, has willingly confessed a lesser. Such information is going to be valuable to Mr. Whitman, it is understood.

WON'T TAKE STOCK BACK

W. S. Hurley Insists Upon Prosecuting John Hill.

William S. Hurley, formerly Vice-President of the defunct Borough Bank of Brooklyn, yesterday refused in the Adams street police court to accept a certificate for \$2,000 worth of stock in the A. & M. Robbins Company from John Hill, proprietor of the Clarendon Hotel. Robert H. Elder, former Assistant District Attorney, came down from Goosheen, where he has been defending Gibson, to appear for Mr. Hill, whom Mr. Hurley charges with getting possession of the stock in 1907 by false pretences.

"Mr. Hill is simply holding this stock as trustee for Mr. Hurley," Mr. Elder told Magistrate Nauman. "Even the affidavit in this proceeding shows that Mr. Hill still holds the stock as trustee, and it is not stated that Mr. Hurley had made any request for the return of the stock. He would have been obliged to return it under the agreement. Mr. Hill has the stock here now and is ready to return it to Mr. Hurley after the formality of transfer is completed with."

"Your statement puts a different complexion on the transaction," said the magistrate. "I do not see why this matter might not be settled here and now."

"Mr. Hurley refuses to accept the stock," said George Gordon Battle after a conference with his client. "He insists that the criminal proceedings be continued."

The magistrate then adjourned the case a week and told Mr. Battle to present additional affidavits in the case.

DIES UNDER SUBWAY TRAIN

Brooklyn Woman's Second Attempt at Suicide Successful.

Mrs. Emma Reckterstahl, fifty-one years old, of No. 802 Lerkermer street, Brooklyn, committed suicide yesterday by throwing herself under the wheels of a Manhattan-bound subway train at the Borough Hall station. Three cars passed over her body and ground it to pieces. The platform was almost deserted, and the few who were on it noticed nothing peculiar about the woman's conduct. John Bowes, motorman of the train, saw her jump and put on the brakes, but was too late. A big crowd gathered when the news of the suicide spread, and the sale of tickets had to be stopped until the body was removed. The body was taken to the Adams street police station. A bankbook, which she held in trust for her son, Emil Reckterstahl, Jr., was found in her clothing, and this led to her identification by her husband, who is employed as an engraver in a Manhattan jewelry shop. Mr. Reckterstahl said his wife had suffered a nervous breakdown about a month ago and afterward tried to take her life with gas. She was discovered in time and was removed to St. Mary's Hospital, where she recovered.

Stern Brothers
have decided to dispose of their entire stock of seasonable
Trimmed Millinery
comprising Original Imported Models from Reboux, Georgette, Marie Louise, Evelyn Varon and Marie Guy, together with exclusive creations from their own workrooms, representing the latest Paris edicts in style, colorings and materials,
At Less Than One-Half Former Prices.

ORIGINAL FRENCH MODEL HATS
at \$15.00 and 25.00
ADAPTATIONS OF FOREIGN MODELS
at \$7.50, 9.75, 10.50, 12.50

THIRD FLOOR MAIN BUILDING

On Tuesday, November 26th,
will be held an Important Sale of
Women's Fine Button Shoes
of Black and Tan Russia Calf, Patent Leather with Dull Kid, Battleship Gray, Tan Kid and Black Cloth Tops, also Black Russia Calf with Cloth Tops, in the season's most approved shapes and of the choicest selected leathers,

At the Very Special Price of \$3.50 Pair

To-morrow Monday.

Men's and Women's Umbrellas
At Exceptionally Low Prices

Twilled Silk Umbrellas, with handles of sterling silver, gun metal, novelty effects, mission and natural wood, at \$1.95
Actual Value \$3.00

Extra Quality Twilled Silk, with handles of handsome etched sterling silver, gun metal and buckhorn, at 2.85
Actual Value \$4.50

Heavy Twilled Silk, close rolled, with handles of massive etched sterling silver, also buckhorn decorated with silver, at 3.75
Actual Value \$5.50

Especially choice assortments of

ARASOL AND UMBRELLA HANDLES
of Jeweled Crystal, Enamel, Topaz, Quartz, Lapis Lazuli, Jade and Garnets, in exclusive designs, very appropriate for Holiday Gifts.

To-morrow, a Special Clearing Sale of

Reversible Velour Portieres
in the most desirable styles, with open and overlocked edges, at \$12.75
Average Value \$25.00 Pair

Also Discontinued Styles of

French Handmade Lace Curtains
Lace Stores and Panels

CURTAINS, at \$4.90, 7.50, 10.50, 12.50
Values from \$8.50 to 22.00 Pair

STORES, at \$4.25, 5.50, 7.25, 8.75
Values from \$6.50 to 16.50 Each

PANELS, at \$3.90, 5.25, 6.75
Values from \$6.75 to 12.50 Each

West 23d and 22d Streets

WAS GREELEY'S FRIEND

C. Augustus Haviland Celebrates His 80th Anniversary.

AN ACTIVE LAWYER STILL

A Staunch Republican, He Believes That the Party Will Come to Life Again.

Though task seems great, yet none should say: "My work is done"—while on the way. His fellowmen for justice plead. When shackles bind and hearts still bleed. —C. Augustus Haviland.

C. Augustus Haviland, one of the founders of the Republican party and a lawyer in real estate and probate practice, sat in his office, at Fulton street and Grand avenue, Brooklyn, yesterday afternoon, and explained to a reporter of The Tribune how it was that he was still "on the job" at an age when most of his fellow practitioners are on the retired list. Above his desk a large picture of his old friend, Horace Greeley, looked down upon him as he talked.

"I attribute my health," he said, "to avoiding the use of alcoholic drinks and tobacco, to taking proper exercise and to taking time off for rest whenever I felt that I was going beyond my strength."

By his remarks Mr. Haviland did not mean that he had neglected his business. Nine months of the year he is to be found at his desk every morning, but three months he devotes to rest. In the last eighteen years he has crossed the ocean forty-two times.

"My people are all against me," the Senator told him. "The negroes are all against me, too. However, I will give a letter to the press in favor of Mr. Greeley in a few days."

When Mr. Haviland reached Mr. Greeley's home the editor was holding a reception, his last it turned out to be. He left his other friends to walk about his place with Mr. Haviland. When he heard Mr. Sumner's message, he cried: "He may as well keep his letter. It's too late."

Shortly afterward the candidate was removed to a sanatorium. Before he left his home he penned a personal note to Mr. Haviland, which is believed to have been the last letter he ever wrote.

After Mr. Greeley's defeat Mr. Haviland became an independent Democrat, and has continued as such ever since. He joined the movement which culminated in the nomination of William R. Hearst for Mayor of this city, and helped to carry Kings County for him. Mr. Haviland still takes a great interest in politics, and it is his belief that the Republican party will soon return to its own. Regarding this, he said: "I think the Republican party will come to life again because the Progressive movement has not the confidence of the best people. The vote cast this fall was a personal vote to Theodore Roosevelt, backed by the suffragettes. The Socialists will soon take the lead over the Progressives. The Progressive platform borrowed many of its principles from the Socialist platform, but the Progressives can't steal the Socialists' thunder. Colonel Roosevelt is now becoming a bore, and he is too little and his principles are too far on the wrong track to be successful. No man who calls respectable people liars and crooks can hold the people in the long run."

THE TRIBUNE PRINTS more musical advertisements than any other New York newspaper.—Adv.

Stern Brothers
To-morrow, an Extraordinary Offering of
Women's Glace Gloves
One Clasp Pique and Two Clasp Overseam Paris Point Embroidery, in black, white, tan, brown, gray and gold,
At the Special Price of 65¢ Pair

For Monday, Exceptional Values in Desirable Dress Silks

Brocaded Charmeuse, Meteor and Crepe de Chine, 40 and 42 inches wide, including a large variety of this season's floral and oriental designs, in a complete assortment of dark and light colors, also white and black, \$2.65
Regular Values from \$3.50 to 4.25 Yard

Satin Charmeuse, 40 inches wide, in a full range of evening and street shades, also white and black, at 1.35
Regular Value \$2.00 Yard

Photograph Frames
For To-morrow, Another Specially Arranged Sale of
STERLING SILVER FRAMES

Oval and Square, plain and engraved, with broad band, cabinet sizes or holding picture 6 1/2 by 8 1/2 inches, Specially Priced at \$1.65, 1.75 and 3.95
Formerly \$2.00, 2.75 and 5.50

Attractive assortments are being shown of Imported
Jewelry and Fans

Very Appropriate for Holiday Gifts, including Novelties in Pink Coral of rare color, Italian Tortoise Shell, Antique Intaglio Rings, Pendants and Earrings of Pink and Cornelia Shell Cameo, also Umbrella Sets, Walking Stick Handles, Baby Toilet Sets of Carved Shell, Watch Stands and Trinket Boxes with plain and carved tops.

For Monday, Unusual Values in

Gold Bracelet Watches, 14 Karat, narrow extension bracelet, jeweled guaranteed movements, with white, silver and gold dials, at \$25.00
Actual Value \$36.00

Silver Bracelet Watches, guaranteed 7 jeweled movement, narrow extension bracelet, 7.75
Actual Value \$9.50

Pearl Necklaces, even and graduated beads, with solid gold clasps, Indestructible Pearls, Value \$2.00, at \$1.25 French Pearls, Value \$10.00, at \$5.00

Jeweled Long Chains, soldered links, with amethyst, topaz, emeralds, rose and sapphires, Actual Value \$2.00, at 95¢

Also a Special Purchase of

Imported Sterling Silver La Vallieres and Enamelled Locket, \$5.50, 10.50
Actual Values \$10.00 and 17.50

Opera Bags, of Silk Gauze, trimmed with Gold Lace, Ribbon and Ribbon Flowers, mirror bottom, Actual Value \$3.50, \$2.65

Gauze Fans, with steel and gilt spangles and bone sticks, at 95¢, 1.50

EVENING HAIR ORNAMENTS

Jeweled Bandeaux with colored aigrettes, Barrettes, Hair Pins and Combs, Jeweled and Plain Shell, Amber and Demi-Blonde Ornaments in the fashionable Casque and French Twist Models.

Also for To-morrow

Aluminum Jeweled Barrettes, Hair Pins and Bandeaux, Specially priced from \$1.00 up to 22.00

West 23d and 22d Streets

OSCAR'S SECRET IS OUT

Papers Filed Reveal Name of Girl Who Caused Divorce.

The name of the correspondent in the divorce suit which resulted in a decree against Oscar Hammerstein was revealed yesterday by papers filed in the County Clerk's office. The suit was brought by Mrs. Hammerstein in Rockland County and was tried before a referee in secret. It now is shown that Miss Frances Lee, whom Mr. Hammerstein was training for the opera, and who was known as the "Texas Patti," was the mysterious woman in the case. Mrs. Hammerstein alleged that the impetuous girl was guilty of improper conduct with Miss Lee at different places from 1889 to 1907.

The action in which these particulars are revealed was brought by Mr. Hammerstein against the Equitable Trust Company for the return of \$3,000 shares of the Hammerstein Amusement Company, which he had deposited as security for the payment of \$200 a week to Mrs. Hammerstein when they separated in 1909. The court decided he had no cause of action.

OLD GUARD TO PARADE.

To perform a patriotic duty and to perpetuate a time-honored custom, the Old Guard will parade in full winter uniform and with guns to-morrow to celebrate Evacuation Day. At City Hall Park they will form and march down Broadway to the Battery, where Captains George W. Homans and George L. Winn will raise the flag. A detachment of soldiers from Governor's Island will throw a national salute of twenty-one guns. The Old Guard will then march to Frances' Tavern, in Broad street, where a luncheon will be served.